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PANAMA.

Report from Colon—Inspection of vessels—Mortality at Colon and Cristobal, month of February, 1906—Sanitary work.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr reports, March 10, as follows:

During the week ended March 10, 1906, the following vessels cleared for ports in the United States and were granted bills of health:

Norwegian steamship *Egda* for a port in the United States via Laguna, Mexico, with 24 crew and no passengers, March 5.

American steamship *Panama* for New York, March 5, with 98 crew and 98 passengers.

British steamship *Tagus* for New York via Kingston, Jamaica, March 7, with 181 crew and 243 passengers, as follows: 30 cabin for New York; 82 cabin for Jamaica; 131 deck for Jamaica.

Norwegian steamship *Sif*, for a port in the United States via Daiquiri, Cuba, March 9, with 25 crew and no passengers; holds and living quarters fumigated.

British steamship *Amphitrite*, for New Orleans, March 9, with 24 crew and no passengers; holds and living quarters fumigated.

German steamship *Virginia*, for New York via Kingston, Jamaica, March 10, with 79 crew and 4 cabin passengers for New York, 10 cabin passengers and 50 deckers for Jamaica.

Mortality statistics of Colon and Cristobal for the month of February, 1906.

In the two municipalities 57 deaths were officially reported during the month from the following causes: Malaria, 14; pneumonia, 10; dysentery, 4; beri-beri, 1; tuberculosis, 1; tetanus, 1; apoplexy, 1; cerebral hemorrhage, 1; paralysis, 1; anemia, 1; heart failure, 2; myocarditis, 1; broncho-pneumonia, 1; oedema of lungs, 1; enteritis, 7; nephritis, 1; coma, 1; debility, 2; burns, 1; accidents, 2; unknown, 3.

Of the above 5 were foreign whites, and only 2 of these were employees of the Canal Commission. The causes of death in these 5 were malaria, 3; enteritis, 1; accident, 1. The deaths from pneumonia were all among West Indian negroes. The most frequent type of malarial fever is the estivo-autumnal.

No quarantinable diseases are known to exist on the Isthmus, three months having now elapsed since the last case of yellow fever was reported in Colon.

The work of the sanitary department in the way of grading and cleaning is being rapidly pushed forward, and every effort is being made to eliminate possible mosquito-breeding places before the rains begin. At present, during the prevalence of the northeast trade winds and the dry weather, very few mosquitoes are seen in the town proper. The new water system will soon be in operation, which will enable the sanitary department to abolish the numerous water barrels and other receptacles about the habitations of the poorer classes.

Large numbers of West Indian negroes continue to arrive at this port by every ship. During the month of February nearly 4,000 have arrived, and while many of these have been contracted for by the Canal Commission a large number are volunteers from Jamaica and the Windward Islands.